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February 20, 1993

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Senator Dianne Feinstein
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Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am writing to ask that you act to prevent the FCC from adopting **PR Docket 92-235**.
If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies assigned

James S. Schneider
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2-15-93

Dear Senator Feinstein,

I have been an avid model airplane enthusiast for over 30 years. I have spent approximately 20 of those years building and flying radio controlled aircraft. There are somewhere between 400,000 and 500,000 individuals across the U.S. who build and fly model airplanes as I do.

The implementation of PR Docket 92-735 will severely restrict or eliminate the use of all currently used model airplane radio

equipment; engine, radio receiver, control surface servo motors (usually 4 or more) being crashed and severely damaged or destroyed. The monetary loss can range anywhere from \$50.⁰⁰ upwards to over \$1,000.⁰⁰ Some airplanes and their radios are valued at over \$1,000.⁰⁰.

The model airplanes being flown today can range up to 55 pounds maximum and some are now reaching speeds close to 200 m.p.h. The property damage resulting from an out of control crashed airplane can be quite severe; damaged automobiles, houses & innocent bystanders.

If Docket 92-235 is implemental, my radio equipment will become useless. At present I own 5 radios and at least that many airplanes. Each radio cost about \$150.⁰⁰. To replace my present radios with new compatible equipment would cost approximately \$400.⁰⁰ per unit. This would essentially put me and most of my fellow modelers out of business. Please help me and my fellow modelers in defeating this most destructive piece of legislation.

Thank you for your time, James Schier

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio-control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 KHz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 KHz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band (for R/C cars and boats) now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I don't think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio-control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a sizeable industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Sincerely,



February 12, 1993

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
The United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: PR Docket 92-235 (FCC)

Dear Senator Feinstein:

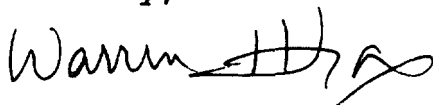
If this proposed rule becomes law, it will render useless the majority of frequencies now used for radio controlled (RC) aircraft by inserting two additional frequencies between the present ones. These new ones will be considerably more powerful than those used for RC thereby causing interference and loss of control of the aircraft. These new frequencies will be designated for mobile use which means that there is no way for RC flyers to predict when or where interference will occur.

I currently own two transmitters with receivers which, when new, cost approximately \$1500.00. These are sophisticated, "computer" type radios which currently are very reliable and safe to use. But, what will happen **AND WHO WILL BE LIABLE** when the FCC approves these new uses on frequencies dangerously close to RC frequencies??? Crashes are going to occur. These airplanes average about 7 pounds with some weighing as much as 25 to 40 pounds. At an average level speed of around a 100 mph (some scale model jets can do 160 mph in level flight) you can see a dangerous impact occurs (they're faster in a dive) if property or people are hit. We have a very good safety record presently as mirrored by our low liability premiums. Almost all of the RC flying around the country is done at designated sites where careful frequency control and many other safety measures are continually in force. I hope the FCC is ready to assume the liability if they render RC aircraft frequencies unsafe.

As you can see, this proposed rule is completely unfair to a segment of the population which through industry, sport and hobby will lose an awful lot of money. If you are unaware of RC Flying and its extent, go to your local hobby shop and browse around and look at a few magazines to see what a really large business, sport and hobby this is.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Warren H. Fox, M.D.
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Villa Park, CA 92667



21 February, 1993

Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St, NW
Washington, DC, 20554


Reference: NPRM-PR Docket 92-235

Effective 1 January, 1991, the FCC required radio transmitters for radio controlled model airplanes to meet new 20 khz bandwidth requirements. I changed all 5 of my transmitters over to meet those requirements. It wasn't cheap because I not only had to pay for the transmitter service but I also had to buy new receivers because they couldn't be updated. Now, only two years later you are proposing to make that almost \$650 expenditure for naught. I will be unable to put my aircraft safely into the air because there could be not one but four transmitters, each with almost 4 times the power output, within that same 20 khz bandwidth.

I am a retired person with a hobby which keeps me off the streets, out of bars, and out of trouble. I am working with my club's school and youth program to bring children and teenagers into the hobby and much is at my expense. The planes I build and fly are about 8 feet from wing tip to wing tip, 5 to 6 feet long, powered by an internal combustion engine of 1 to 1.5 cubic inch displacement and weigh from 8 to 15 pounds; in other words if out of control they can be very dangerous. Should my airborne receiver be swamped by one of the new land mobile service transmitters then my plane will simply be completely out of control and dangerous.

My hobby means much to me as I have built and flown model aircraft since 1939 when I started building the 10 cent stick and tissue kits popular then. I built over 300 silhouette recognition models for WW 2 for the war effort. I have built and flown my planes since then moving through a period of avid free flight competition to radio control now because I've had both knees replaced and they won't take running after my wandering airplane.

Please, do not do this to me. I am sure that with adequate thought some other portion of the frequency spectrum could be used.


Loren Nicholson
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cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative Christopher Cox

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February 18, 1993

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate

I have been interested in model aviation for some 60 years. Now close to retirement, I derive many hours of enjoyment and relaxation from constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes - a far cry from the balsa and tissue models of the mid-thirties. I am also active in a local club whose members likewise enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. We are all concerned with the following proposed rules and are writing to voice such concern.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the **Federal Communications Commission (FCC)**. The proceeding is **PR Docket 92-235**. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

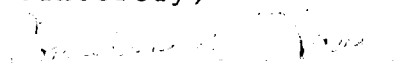
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Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,



February 8, 1993

Doc O. Taylor
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Clovis CA 93611



The Honorable Diane Feinstein
331 Hart Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am retired and derive many hours of recreation from constructing and flying radio controlled model airplanes. I am also active in the Madera Aeronautical Radio Controllers Club which has a membership of over 80. In addition to supporting our members' hobby we encourage youngsters in the area to learn about aeronautics and to pursue this good clean hobby in a safe manner. We also support, through voluntary labor, the Madera Unlimited Radio Controlled Air Races. This is an international event in which models of 100 inch wingspan and up to 45 pounds in weight compete for 4 days before tens of thousands of fans at the Madera Airport. These airplanes fly at speeds up to 140 miles per hour.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics publishes a journal which provides calendars listing hundreds of other radio controlled model airplane competitions that are held throughout the country each year (a large proportion are in California).

February 10, 1993

Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Suite 331
Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Re: Federal Communication Commission
NPRM-PR Docket 92-235, Part 95

Dear Senator Feinstein:

As one of the thousands and thousands of avid flyers of radio control model airplanes, a good number of these the youths of our country, I am deeply concerned about the Federal Communication Commission "Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making - PR Docket 92-35, Part 95", which if adapted will greatly reduce the usability of radio frequencies assigned for radio control models.

This proposed rule change will split the 72 - 76 MHz band into more segments [72 - 76 MHz band is the frequency range assigned by the FCC for the use of radio control models] in order to add more mobile land frequencies. This would put the mobile land frequencies very close to radio control frequencies [2.5 kHz] and with the proposed specifications for mobile land equipment allowing them frequency tolerances that could put them directly on radio control frequencies and also allow them to operate at four times the transmitting power resulting in interference with the radio control models.

The resulting interference would cause the loss of control of the model airplanes with a high potential for bodily injury, death and property damage as some of these models weigh up to forty pounds and some fly at speeds of over one hundred miles per hour.

It is hoped that with your help, FCC NPRM-PR Docket, Part 95 can be eliminated or modified to become workable.

Sincerely,

MARK BEARLE

Mark Bearle
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February 7, 1993

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am writing to you with the hope that you will help prevent the FCC from implementing PR Docket 92-235.

I began flying model airplanes as a hobby in the early 1970's. My occupation was a professional boat racer and test driver for Outboard Marine Corporation. In 1985, while racing the Formula I race at the Sacramento Water Festival and driving the Spirit of Sacramento boat, I had a near fatal accident. I survived with a number of permanent injuries. My hobby of radio controlled airplanes became my therapy. With the help of several custom designed helpers, I am able to fly, even though I do not have the use of one arm. I spend hours building the airplanes and the therapy it has provided is great. I can move the fingers on my hand so much better than I could shortly after the accident and I attribute all my progress to my unconventional therapy.

The proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission, PR Docket 92-235, will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 74 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

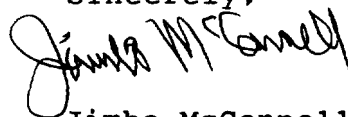
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We fly our models at organized events and contests where

hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

Please help me and thousands of other model flyers continue the safe enjoyment of our hobby. We have thousands of dollars invested in the hobby that PR Docket 92-235 could virtually destroy. The hobby has helped me physically but has also helped me mentally to cope with a life-changing accident like I had.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimbo McConnell", written in a cursive style.

Jimbo McConnell
563 Beach
Needles, California 92363

2/7/93

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
Member of the Senate
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Ms Feinstein:

Summary: Opposition to FCC PR Docket 92-235 by radio control model airplane hobbyist.

I am concerned about proposed rules that are under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for use by radio controlled models. This will increase the risk of accidents!

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our assigned frequencies for radio control model activity are far enough apart from the higher power stations that we are currently successfully sharing the band without either use interfering with the other.

The proposed changes would allow many land mobile frequencies to move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. The result of the new rules would reduce the number of channels from 50 to 19.

Please support the interest of model hobbyists like me and not allow the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Thank you sincerely.

Gerald A. Miller
2741 Banyan Way
Santa Maria CA 93455

Dear Madam

It has come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission is considering installing telephone communication channels inbetween the model aircraft channels (NPRM - PR docket 92-235) Unless you have no concern for the radio controlled model aircraft Sport/Hobby you should try to stop them.

Public safety is at great risk. Radio controlled model airplanes can fly at speeds approaching 200 miles per hour. If one gets out of control the consequences can be deadly.

Since 1991 our radio transmitters have been forced to keep within a 10 mega hertz channel. Such narrow banding already requires state of the art technology to comply. The new proposal of 2.5 KHz spacing would for practical purposes wipe out the entire sport/hobby as well as the supporting hobby shop and radio control industry. You would have a mobile radio telephone user with higher power transmitting only 2.5 KHz away from our 72 MHz and 75 MHz frequencies. Our equipment will not be free from interference at this spacing thus out of control model airplanes crashing.

Please help us avoid a disaster



GENE W SIDWELL
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Sincerely

Gene W Sidwell

Model Airplane Flyer

PS: FCC deadline for comments is Feb 26 1993

URGENT FREQUENCY ALERT!
Help protect the R/C hobby!

Dear #1 Super Saver Club Member,

Our hobby needs your help! The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has proposed regulation changes that could result in us losing OVER HALF of our radio frequency channels. Technology is changing in the areas of cellular phones, personal paging and radio data services. The number of channels needed to support all of these new services will be enormous. Unfortunately, the FCC has proposed to allocate some of these new services into the 72-76MHz band—very, very close to the same channels we use for our R/C airplanes, cars and boats. The result could be that these channels would become *unusable* for R/C—we could lose over half of them!

All of us here at Tower Hobbies urge you to immediately write the FCC and possibly your senators and representative and tell them that you strongly **OPPOSE** the regulations contained in *PR Docket 92-235* which will make your hobby less safe and much less enjoyable. Your letter should be *personal*—tell them just how much this affects you. Also indicate your own *financial* stake, i.e., how much money you have invested in your hobby, and stress the *safety* concerns that allowing other mobile users to operate in the same band will bring. But it is very important that the FCC receive your letter **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 26, 1993.**

Help save the precious few frequencies we have worked so hard to get. Write the FCC, your senators and house representative today—before the deadline of February 26 passes us by.

Sincerely,



Kevin Hisel
Vice President, Tower Hobbies

P.S. If you don't think you have time to write, just think of all the time you'll have to spend waiting in line for an available frequency at the field if these new regulations are allowed to become law. Mail your letters **TODAY!**

February 19, 1993

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Re: PR Docket 92-235

I have been interested in aviation since I was a small boy, and derived many hours of enjoyment flying with my father when he was a licensed pilot. Due to the cost, I could not satisfy my interest as a full-scale pilot and turned to radio controlled model aircraft. I have derived countless hours of enjoyment from constructing model gliders and piloting them at the local flying slope with friends and family.

I am disturbed by the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), PR

but also are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the aircraft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators and spectators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I urge you to ask the FCC to reconsider their proposal to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. In fact, the proposed rules may not improve land mobile radio, rather cause additional interference from radio control modelers. We may not appear as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our sport. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of aviation as a whole. The manufacturers and suppliers of radio control equipment also have considerable investments at stake.

Please help continue the safe enjoyment of this hobby by stopping the FCC's proposal to modify use of the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. Klamt', written in a cursive style.

Robert R. Klamt
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POWAY PILOTS

POWAY PILOTS Model Airplane Club
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Phone (619) 672-2856
Date 2/4/93

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and by-standers and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

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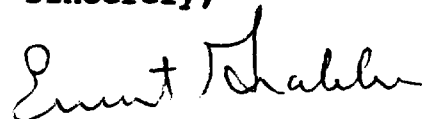
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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band .

Sincerely,



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The Honorable
Dianne Feinstein

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February 10, 1993

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Honorable Dianne Feinstein
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Re: Federal Communication Commission
NPRM-PR Docket 92-235, Part 95

Dear Senator Feinstein:

As one of the thousands and thousands of avid flyers of
radio control model airplanes, a good number of these the

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February 11, 1993

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
United States Senator
U.S. Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Greetings of good tidings and peace to you.

I am one of the Californians who enjoy the sun and the outdoor sports. My particular interest from which I derive many hours of enjoyment is constructing and operating a radio controlled model airplane. I have been into this activity for the last ten years, and since, am very active in a local club whose members share the same interest.

My concern in writing this letter is about the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use, thereby increasing the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

For your information, the FCC's thrust is to rearrange the band plan to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidth. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies causing interference to radio control operations. I understand that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 will be left if these new rules are adopted.

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Please understand that model airplanes are very expensive to build. Mine has wings that span 6 feet long, and the whole model weighs more than 8 pounds. Oftentimes, I fly my model at organized events and contests where hundreds of other operators participate. Thus, when I fly my model under radio control, I go to great lengths to avoid risk. In our club, many safety precautions involve careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies.

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If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased. Radio interference could cause the operator to lose control of the craft. Am afraid that if this happens, it could cause property damage, serious injury, or even death. Therefore, we need the use of the full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

As a recent retiree, I now fly my craft 3 to 4 times per week and since I take great pride in building my craft, I enjoy flying it. This activity is now my favorite sport.

I therefore make this appeal to your goodself to intercede on my, as well as the other aficionados' behalf, not to allow the FCC to carry out its proposal for the 72-76 MHz band. Please consider that our sport is just as important, as we contribute to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Good day and more power to you, Madame.

Very truly yours,


MALCOLM P. STEVENS

Dear Senator Feinstein

I am contacting you to express my concern over the proposed rules currently under consideration by the FCC. PR Docket 92-235

This rule change could have a devastating effect on a great number of people like myself who derive many hours of pleasure constructing and operating radio controlled cars, boats and aircraft. I currently own several cars. These range in size from one's under 3 pounds capable of speeds of over 60 MPH to a 35 pound car that will exceed 50 MPH. You can imagine how dangerous these could become in an uncontrolled environment.

I not only am a active participant in the hobby I also work in the hobby industry. This rule change could cost me my job. I also can think of at least 60 other manufacturers in California, this will have a negative effect on; if not putting them out of business all together. Not to mention the retailers of which there are hundreds across the state. The economic impact believe it or not could be over 100 million a year for the industry in this state.

As a life long democrat I beg of you to do your best to oppose this matter and restore my faith in the system which I feel abandoned by

Donn Rice

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Feb 15, 1993

Dear Mrs. Feinstein:

I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and flying radio controlled model airplanes. I am an instructor at our local club of 41 members and teach youngsters the skills necessary to enjoy this hobby of radio controlled model flying. I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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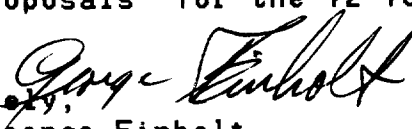
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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of modeling by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,


George Finholt

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